

Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Exam Checklist

Documented Vessels < 40', Inside Coastal Waters

Vessel Name:	Number:	
BRIDGE & DOCUMENTS		
33 CFR 173 46 CFR 67	Registration/Documents/Markings: Certificate of documentation on board & valid. Name on both sides, forward part of hull, name & hailing port on stern, ≥ 4" letters, contrasting color. Official number permanently marked on main beam.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.165	Injury Placard: Required on all vessels.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 CFR 155.450	Oil Pollution Placard: Required on all vessels ≥ 26'.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 CFR 151.59	MARPOL (Garbage) Placard: Required on all vessels ≥ 26'.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	Navigation Lights: During darkness and/or in or near areas of restricted visibility Side Lights (112.5°), all around white light (if < 12m or 39.4') or Mast Head Light (225°) & Stern Light (135°). Fishing Lights: In a vertical line, one meter apart. Red over White (360°) all other than trawling; Green over White (360°) when trawling.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	Dayshapes: Two black cones, apex to apex (not required on trollers).	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	Sound Producing Devices: Vessels < 12m: Some means of making an efficient sound signal. Vessels ≥ 12m: Whistle audible for ½ mile & 7.9" bell.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
LIFESAVING		
46 CFR 28.110 46 CFR 28.135 46 CFR 28.140	Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs): One Type I, II, III, V or immersion suit for each person on board. PFD marked with name of vessel or wearer & retroreflective tape (31 sq. in.) front & back, properly maintained & stowed readily accessible.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.115 46 CFR 28.135	Ring Life Buoys: One 24" ring life buoy marked w/vessel name/number, four strips of retroreflective tape, 60' of floating line & stowed readily accessible.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.120 46 CFR 28.125 46 CFR 28.130 46 CFR 28.140	Survival Craft: If < 36', none required for warm water operations; in cold water operations, none required if < 4 persons on board; if 4 or more persons on board, buoyant apparatus required. If ≥ 36' & < 4 persons on board, none required for warm water operations & buoyant apparatus required for cold water operations; if 4 or more persons on board, none required for warm water operation & inflatable buoyant apparatus required for cold water operations. Survival craft may be stowed to float free or kept readily accessible. Buoyant apparatus marked w/vessel name, four strips of retroreflective tape, 100' painter & electric light. The Fifth District Survival Craft Exemption may be advantageous during cold water operations.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
ENGINE ROOM/MISCELLANEOUS		
46 CFR 28.155 46 CFR 28.160 46 CFR 25.30	Portable Fire Extinguishing Equipment: Two B-I or one B-II fire extinguisher on board. Must be USCG, UL or FM approved; mounted in approved bracket; in good condition; must have pressure gauge or inspection record.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 25.35	Flame Arrestor: If using gasoline as fuel only.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 25.40	Ventilation: If using gasoline as fuel only.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 CFR 159.7	Marine Sanitation Device: Type I, II or III; required only if there is an installed toilet on board; Type III must be equipped to discharge ashore only.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 CFR 155.330	Non-Oceangoing Vessels Able To: Retain oily mix on board & discharge to a facility.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A

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 the Atlantic Beach, NC Examiner at (252) 247-4562